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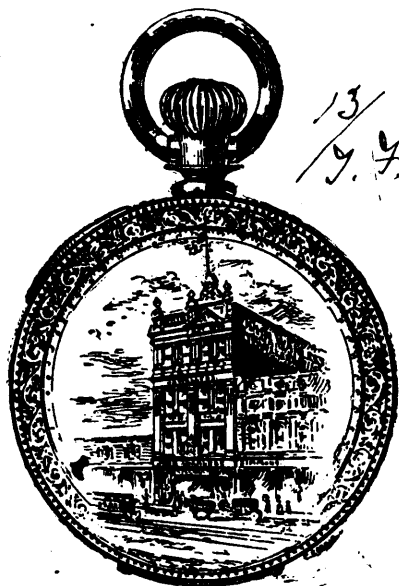
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THE annual meeting of the Toronto Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be held in West Church on Friday next, beginning at 10.30 a.m. The proceedings will be of great interest.

THE fourteenth public meeting of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society will be held in Convocation Hall on Friday, February 27th, 1891, at 8 p.m. An interesting programme has been prepared. The Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D., will deliver an address on "The Ideal Missionary."

DR. REID has received for Rev. D. MacGillivray and Dr. McClure, of the Honan Mission, to help to make up the losses recently sustained by them in consequence of the violent assault of the mob, the sum of \$161.06. This is from friends in St. James Square Church, Toronto. Perhaps others may feel disposed to do something for the same object.

THE Convener of the Assembly's Statistical Committee desires kindly to call the attention of Church secretaries and treasurers to the necessity of making returns promptly now (where not already done) of their statistical and financial statements for 1890 to the Clerks of their respective Presbyteries, February 6 being the date named for having them in, and also urging Presbytery Clerks to have their returns mailed to Dr. Torrance, Guelph, as promptly as possible to the specified date thereof, March 2. Any who may have mislaid their blank forms can secure duplicates by addressing Dr. Torrance.

THE attention of missionary societies, mission bands and Sabbath schools is respectfully called to the following note by Mr. Alexander McNabb, Knox College: Those desiring to assist in advancing the work of Knox College Students' Missionary Society may do so by forwarding to the undersigned on or before March 20, 1891: papers, periodicals, magazines, second-hand libraries for distribution in the outlying mission fields in which the Society's missionaries labour during the coming summer. The Society gratefully acknowledges the liberal responses of former years.

AT the annual meeting of the auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, held on February 5, the president, Mrs. Robert McKenzie, mother of the Rev. W. A. McKenzie, was presented with a certificate of life membership of the General Society, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, by the ladies of the congregation, as a mark of their appreciation of her earnest efforts to promote a missionary spirit among the ladies and young people of the congregation. Mrs. McKenzie has been actively interested in Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies for many years, having organized the first auxiliary in Ontario some fifteen years ago.

THE congregations of Angus and New Lowell, at a meeting held on the 10th inst., extended to the Rev. J. Leishman a hearty and thoroughly unanimous call to return to them as their minister. Mr. Leishman was pastor of their congregation for six and a-half years, and, after being away for about six months, is called back to be his own successor. Every inducement is being held out to persuade him to accept the call, which will be before the Toronto Presbytery at its meeting, March 3. The congregation have appointed W. Gallau and Thomas Bell, elders from Angus, and Mr. R. Paton, M.P.P., and J. A. Mather, elders, New Lowell, to support and prosecute the call before the Presbyteries of Barrie and Toronto.

THE long connection of Mrs. Wallace with the West Presbyterian congregation and her many services have been fittingly recognized by the ladies of the Church. Some time ago Rev. Robert Wallace resigned his charge after many years of successful labour. His work, seconded by Mrs. Wallace, was greatly blessed, and as the tie between pastor and people was of the most cordial character, much regret was felt at the severance of the connection, and expression was given to the feeling in various ways. It was thought right Mrs. Wallace should share in the tokens of appreciation. Mrs. Breckenridge was called to the chair, and Miss Carlyle, on behalf of the Woman's Society and the Burns Society of the Church, read a complimentary address, in which Mrs. Wallace's services were recounted and the good-will of the ladies set forth. Mrs. Miller presented Mrs. Wallace with a handsome secretaire and music cabinet. Mrs. Wallace feelingly replied.

As our readers are aware, the Boys' School at Pointe-aux-Trembles was enlarged two years ago, and the Girls' School this year. There is now room for nearly 200 pupils. It was intended to have a formal opening of the new Girls' School last month. Owing, however, to the serious illness of the principal, Rev. J. Bourgoin, this has been postponed. Mr. Bourgoin was attacked with pleurisy about six weeks ago, and ever since has been dangerously ill. The gravest fears were entertained for weeks, but now, thanks to God, and in answer to the earnest prayers of very many friends, there is a change for the better and reason to hope that his life will be spared. There are indeed few men with heart and soul so thoroughly in their work, few men so remarkably qualified for the position they occupy as Mr. Bourgoin. To fill his place would be well nigh impossible, and it is a cause of devout gratitude to God that there is a prospect of his continuance at his post though weeks must elapse before he can resume his regular work. There is still a considerable sum required to meet the expense of furnishing and heating the new buildings. The large attendance of pupils necessitate increased expenditure in the maintenance of the institution, and it is earnestly hoped that the friends of the work will come to the help of the Board so as to enable it to remove the indebtedness and meet the necessary running expenses. Several Sabbath schools supporting pupils have this year sent an additional \$15 to help the furnishing fund, in addition to their annual scholarship of \$50.

Were the others to do this, and the friends of the institution generally to help, the total indebtedness might yet be wiped out before the year closes in April. Contributions should be sent to the Rev. Robert H. Ward, D.D., 198 St. James Street, Montreal, the treasurer of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools.

THE annual meeting of the Glangarry Presbyterian Society of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society took place in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on the 12th and 13th inst. Many members had been asking for favourable weather, for the proverbial storms of January and February often seriously interfere with the attendance at such gatherings as Sunday school conventions and Presbyterian meetings in old Glangarry, where, in many cases, the shortest way, and, in others, the only way, to reach the place of meeting is by long drives through heavily-drifted roads. Certainly no brighter, lovelier winter day could have been granted than last Thursday week, when about sixty delegates hastened to Cornwall from all parts of the country. The afternoon meeting opened at three o'clock, and was presided over by Mrs. Donald McEwen, president. Kindly words of welcome were given to the delegates by Mrs. Pringle, of Cornwall, and happily replied to by Mrs. MacLaren, of Alexandria. Greetings were extended to the Society by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Methodist and Baptist Churches in Cornwall. The president urged upon all present the duty of loyal, unquestioning obedience to Jesus, coupled with earnest intercession on behalf of the benighted ones of earth, and abiding faith in the promise that the whole world shall yet be filled with the glory of the Lord. Interesting extracts were read from letters received by a member from Miss Sinclair, of Central India. A valuable paper on her work in Smyrna was furnished by Miss McCallum, of Maxville, now at home on furlough. Miss Dufoe, of Aultsville, read a most instructive paper on "Mission Work in Mexico," and Miss C. A. Scott, of Martintown, gave the ladies a number of touching facts and incidents received from her two sisters, who are members of the China Inland Mission. A specimen of the idols worshipped by the Indians of Mexico and a pair of Chinese ladies' shoes together with some Chinese coins were exhibited. Before the singing of the closing hymn Mrs. McEwen, who has been for four years president, bade the Society farewell as she is on the eve of returning to Manitoba. Dr. MacNish, of Cornwall, presided at the evening meeting, and introduced the speakers, Rev. Mr. Cormack, of Maxville, and Rev. Mr. MacGillivray, of Brockville. The former gentleman emphasized the missionary element in the life of Christ. "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." He dwelt on Christ's last command to His disciples, and pointed out that the reason of the Church's existence in earth is to fulfil that command: "Go—preach the Gospel to every creature." Mr. MacGillivray advised the members of the Presbyterian Society to do Home Mission work in its Auxiliaries and Mission Bands by seeking to deepen the spirit of consecration by bringing in their sisters still outside of this work and by interesting "the brethren" in the extension of the Saviour's kingdom into the dark corner of the earth. Mr. Hastie, of Knox Church, being called on, offered a few appropriate remarks. The choirs of the two Presbyterian Churches rendered some choice music of a missionary character during the evening. At the business meeting on the following morning matters of a practical bearing on the working of Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were discussed, and the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Mrs. James Fraser, of Glen Goddon, president; Mrs. Sangster, of Lancaster, and Mrs. Mathison, of Maxville, vice-presidents; Miss Cline, of Cornwall, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Hastie, of Cornwall, literature secretary; Mrs. Becksteadt, of Aultsville, recording secretary; and Mrs. J. D. McLennan, of Cornwall, treasurer.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—A *pro re nata* meeting of this Presbytery was held on January 20 to consider a basis of union which had been agreed on between the Presbyterians and Congregationalists of Warton. The basis looks forward to a corporate union between the two bodies as a Presbyterian congregation. There is the mutual recognition of members, office-bearers and Sabbath school teachers, and they unite under the pastorate of the Presbyterian minister—Rev. Mr. Yeomans. In the meantime it is rather a federation than a union, but all are agreed in looking forward after co-operation for a time in work to complete amalgamation. The spirit, manifested by both congregations was very delightful. After the discussion on the ex-Moderator of our General Assembly getting into an Episcopal Church "through a hole in the back fence," it is refreshing to see two congregations meeting at the front door, joining hands as brothers, and saying let us be one in the Lord's work in Warton. Such a fact is worth reams of sentiment in the public newspaper. The Presbytery heartily gave its sanction to the union as agreed on between the two congregations.—J. SOMERVILLE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery was held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday week, Mr. Beattie, of Knox Church, Moderator, and Dr. Middlemiss acting as Clerk in the absence of Dr. Torrance. Sixteen ministers and ten elders were present, and Dr. Thomas Smith, formerly of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, was associated, and, in the course of the session, addressed the Presbytery in the interest of the Endowment Fund of Queen's University, in whose behalf he is now visiting among the congregations of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dickson, of the Central Church, Galt, submitted the report of the committee appointed at last meeting to make arrangements for the holding of conferences at the March meeting, on Sabbath Schools, Temperance and the State of Religion. The report was adopted with an addition on missions, the Presbytery considering that that subject had not hitherto been given a due place in their conferences. Mr. Craig, of Melville Church, Fergus, reported his work at Mimosa

and Belwood, in moderating in a call to a minister to succeed the late pastor, Mr. Millican. The choice of the Mimosa people was unanimous in favour of Mr. P. McLaren. Though the Belwood people were not unanimous, the call was signed by a very large proportion of the members, so that the Presbytery had no hesitation in sustaining the call. The united congregations guarantee a stipend of \$700, with a manse at Belwood. The call having been put into the hands of Mr. McLaren, he requested time for consideration. The Presbytery made the usual arrangements for his ordination—to take place at Belwood on the 17th of February—in the event of his signifying his acceptance to the Clerk in the course of a week. On the request of the congregation of Eden Mills the services of Mr. Strachan, of Rockwood, were further continued at that place. Attention was called to the fact that the congregations had resolved to add \$50 to the amount hitherto given annually in recognition of Mr. Strachan's services, making it \$350. A petition from Drayton, requesting the Presbytery to apply to the Home Mission Committee for such an amount of aid as might enable the small but hopeful and energetic congregation there to keep up a steady supply of Sabbath service, was cordially acceded to, the Presbytery engaging to do all in its power to secure the necessary assistance. The committee appointed to enquire into the state of matters at Preston, in reference to the desire of a number of the Presbyterians there to have regular service of public worship on the Lord's Day, reported to the effect that the Presbytery was not asked to undertake any responsibility in the meantime, but simply to recognize or sanction the holding of a weekly service by ministers who can conveniently respond to the wish of the people in the matter. Messrs. Mullan and Mitchell with their respective elders were appointed to visit, the former Cunnock, and the latter Hawkesville and Linwood, in view of the renewing of applications for aid to these congregations. The Presbytery was occupied some time in considering remits from the Assembly. In relation to some remits action had been already taken. In reference to the question of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, it was resolved to recommend that the formula subscribed by ministers and elders be modified, so as to meet the action of the Assembly on the subject. In reference to the regulations of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, the Presbytery resolved to recommend adherence to the rule (3) respecting ministers' rates and the rule (9) respecting the determination of the amount of annuity on retirement, and to recommend that ministers temporarily resigned, but not retired, should be required to pay the usual rate of one-half per cent. instead of \$8, as at present (rule 4), and that the additional maximum of allowance under rule 15 should be made \$100 instead of \$25. It was also agreed that rule 10, under which a minister who has not paid the rate is entitled to half the amount given to others, be extended to the eastern section of the Church, where at present a minister who has not paid rate can claim no benefit. Dr. Wardrope and Mr. J. B. Mullan were unanimously nominated to the Moderatorship of the Assembly and of the Synod respectively. The Presbytery appointed its next ordinary meeting to be held in the same place on Tuesday, March 17, at half-past ten o'clock, the meetings for conference beginning in the evening of Tuesday and being continued all the following day.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, January 27, at eleven a.m. Present: twenty ministers and nine elders. The absence of Mr. Burnett was, as stated, on account of indisposition. The Rev. F. Smith, of Bradford, was elected Moderator for six months. Mr. McLeod stated with reference to Dr. Fraser's illness that, though he was unable to be present, his health had improved, and he proposed that one of the brethren be appointed to wait upon the Doctor and convey to him the respects and sympathy.

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